

SHIPPERS RESENT LIBEL ON FACILITIES AND DEPTH OF PORT

Jealousy of Rivals Responsible for Dissemination of False Statements About Channel, Experts Say.

Representative J. Hampton Moore must have been misinformed when he declared that no government colliers were unable to load at this port because of the shallow water of the Delaware River channel, shipping men said today. This report, it was said, has been circulated by jealous business rivals, and Mr. Moore's belief it has proved a surprise. It is the unanimous opinion that the channel to Port Richmond has sufficient depth to enable the biggest collier in the Government's service to come and go in absolute safety.

The story that the collier Protheus remained here on her first trip is branded as untrue by the pilot who took the vessel down the river after she had been loaded.

"It is just another of those lies about the port which should not be dignified by a reply," one shipping man said to-day.

The report that the Delaware channel was not deep enough for colliers was put in circulation shortly after J. H. Weaver & Co., of this city, had obtained a contract for the shipment of 200,000 tons of coal to the Pacific coast for the use of the Navy Department. This concern is now the lowest bidder for 400,000 tons of coal for the War Department's use in Panama. It is said that the first contract will have to be canceled and the bid on the other withdrawn if the coal has to be shipped through any other than this port.

COAL OPERATORS BLAMED. Although J. H. Weaver & Co. refuse to make any statement, there is a rumor in coal circles that the agitation against the port of Philadelphia is largely due to the influence of some Virginia coal operators.

The Virginia operators, it is said, enjoyed a virtual monopoly of the coal business, part of which has recently been given to the local company at a saving of approximately \$15,000, to the Government. Rumors in Washington stated that the effort several weeks ago that the coal furnished from Pennsylvania mines was not up to specifications, testimony before the House Committee on Naval Affairs, however, proved that the coal was as good, if not better, than the requirements. The New York, which used Pennsylvania coal on her trial trip, exceeded her contract speed by one knot. The whole controversy originated at the bids which were being considered by the Government for coal for the Panama Canal, is now said to have been due to efforts to divert the contract from the Philadelphia company.

PILOTS DEFEND PORT. In discussing the subject, J. S. W. Wilson, president of the Maritime Exchange, said:

"Several months ago, when J. H. Weaver & Co. contemplated the shipment of coal by colliers, they made inquiries as to the depth that it was safe to load. We were assured by all that knowledge of river conditions that the vessel could be loaded and taken to safety. All the details that have left over on this contract have been taken to safety, and we have the assurance of the pilots that there was not the slightest difficulty in conducting them to the port."

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